Encroachment in Government land in Delhi

†605. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has become a common practice in the country particularly in Delhi that people encroach Government land then pressurize Government to provide alternative plot for vacating the said encroachment;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that according to Delhi High Court verdict, it is not binding on Government to provide an alternative plot to the people to vacate the Public land; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government after the orders passed by the High Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) It is true that a large number of people come to Delhi in search of employment and there are instances of encroachment upon public land. Alternative allotments were given only to the eligible jhugi dwellers as per the Government policy.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has set aside the Government policy to pro*vide* alternative plots *vide* its orders dated 29.1.2002 passed in CWP Nos. 4441/1994 and 2112/2002 titled as Okhla Factory Owners' Association & others *Vs.* Government of NCT of Delhi and Wazirpur Bartan Nirmata Sangh *Vs.* Union of India & Others. The Union Government has filed an Special Leave Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the orders of Delhi High Court.

States on defaulting list of HUDCO

606. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra and other twenty one States are on defaulting list of HUDCO;

(b) if so, the details of amount due, State-wise;

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